

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Katakam for his time and consideration of the present application during the brief interview telephonic interview of November 6, 2007 with the undersigned.

During the interview, the Advisory Action mailed October 30, 2007 was discussed. Examiner Katakam suggested amending claim 12 to recite active steps for preparing ferutinine by the process of claim 1.

Accordingly, claim 12 is amended. Support for this amendment may be found generally throughout the specification, for example, at page 4, line 24 to page 5, line 14 and in the Examples.

Claims 11 and 13 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-7 and 12 remain pending in the application.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-7.

The Official Action rejects claim 13 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as not complying with the written description requirement. As claim 13 is cancelled, this rejection is moot.

Claims 11-13 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over TAMEMOTO et al. (TAMEMOTO). Applicants respectfully disagree.

TAMEMOTO is offered for teaching a folk medicine for treating skin diseases and wounds, which comprises ferutinine.

Claims 11 and 13 are cancelled.

Claim 12 is now directed to a method of preparing a cosmetic composition including the steps of preparing ferutinine according to the process steps of claim 1.

TAMEMOTO fails to disclose or suggest preparing a ferutinine prepared according to the process steps now recited in claim 12, and TAMEMOTO fails to disclose a cosmetic composition.

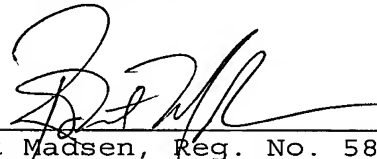
Therefore, TAMEMOTO cannot render obvious claim 12, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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